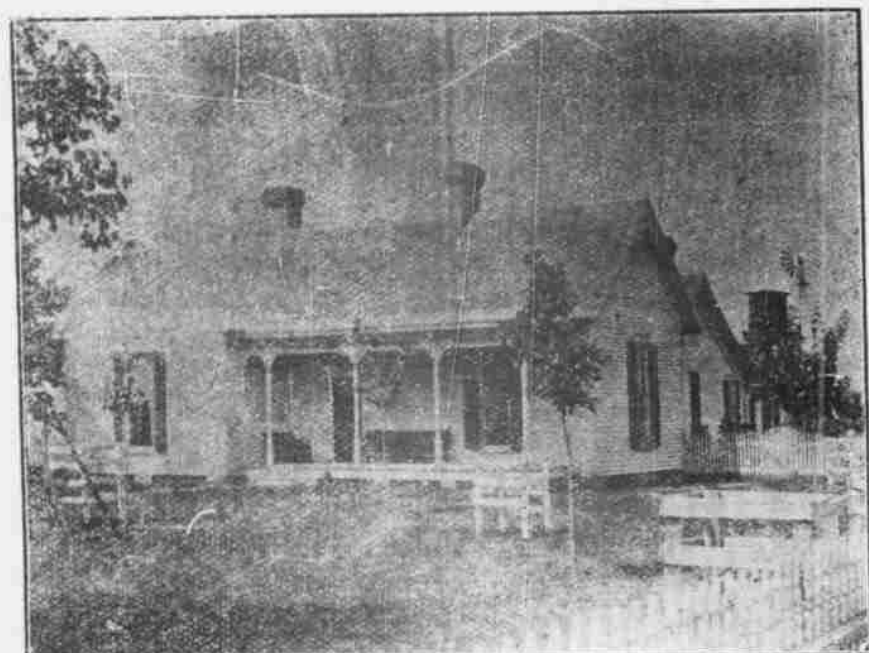




J. P. CARPENTER.

Mr. J. P. Carpenter was born March 10th, 1859, near Clayton, where he was reared. He attended the country schools and those of Union City until he was 24 years of age. After leaving school he tilled the soil until 1887 when he attended the law department of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn., where he graduated with high honors in 1888.

Upon returning home he engaged in the mill and lumber business for several years and then embarked in the practice of law. About a year ago he came to Union City and has met with well deserved success. He is a student, constantly studying and keeping abreast of the times in his profession, and is destined to write his name among those of the State's leading attorneys.



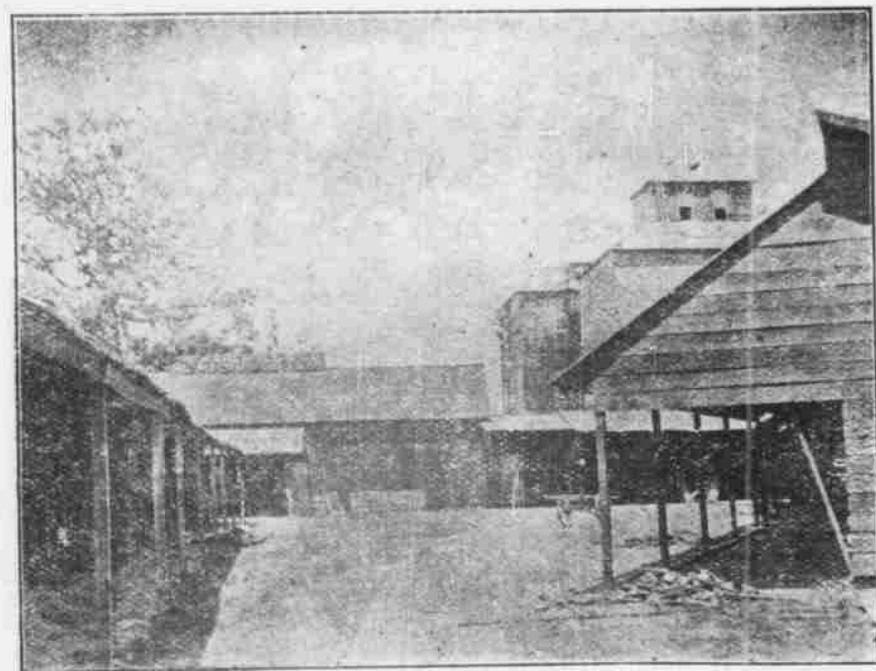
SUBURBAN RESIDENCE OF COL. R. P. WHITESSELL.

The fact that Mr. Carpenter is a single man is not due to his lack of good looks and his ability to win a wife, but he is rather fastidious along that line and has yet to meet his ideal of a lifetime companion.



M. W. BARNEY.

In 1886, Mr. Barney, with nothing but his kit of tools, came to Union City from Pennsylvania, where one learns a trade thoroughly. He secured a position at his trade, harness-making, with H. Dietzel with whom he remained two years, and his neat, first-class, honest work brought his employer a large patronage. Leaving Dietzel he went on the road as travelling salesman for goods in his line, over the Southern States. Growing tired of traveling he returned to Union City in 1890 and went into co-partnership in the harness and saddlery business with Lawson & McRee, and continued with them four years.



INTERIOR OF THE C. H. SHERRILL & CO'S LUMBER YARD.

when he embarked in business for himself. Fortune smiled on him from the start, and to-day he owns a nice two-story residence and carries one of the largest stocks of harness, saddlery, buggies and all kinds of vehicles in the county and his trade is second to none. Mr. Barney is recognized not only as one of our most substantial business men but one of our best citizens.

RACKET STORE.

Ike Fish, the senior member of Union City's far-famed Racket Store, came to this country from Merchingen State, Baden, Germany in 1836. He knew nothing of our language, our country and its laws, when he struck Nashville and went to work for his uncle, Alex, proprietor of the Fish Shirt Factory and Laundry Company. He remained with his uncle until October, 1894, when he came to Union City and embarked in business. In '91 Alex came over from the fatherland and joined his brother in Nashville, and with him came to Union City. They began with a small capital, and although the youngest firm in the city, they stand at the head of the list. Fish Bros.' honesty in dealing with the public has made them friends of all their customers. In the gents' furnishing goods and similar lines they are always abreast of the times, keeping the latest importations and home designs. There is scarcely anything in the general merchandise and notion line but what can be found at the Racket, and at the lowest figures.

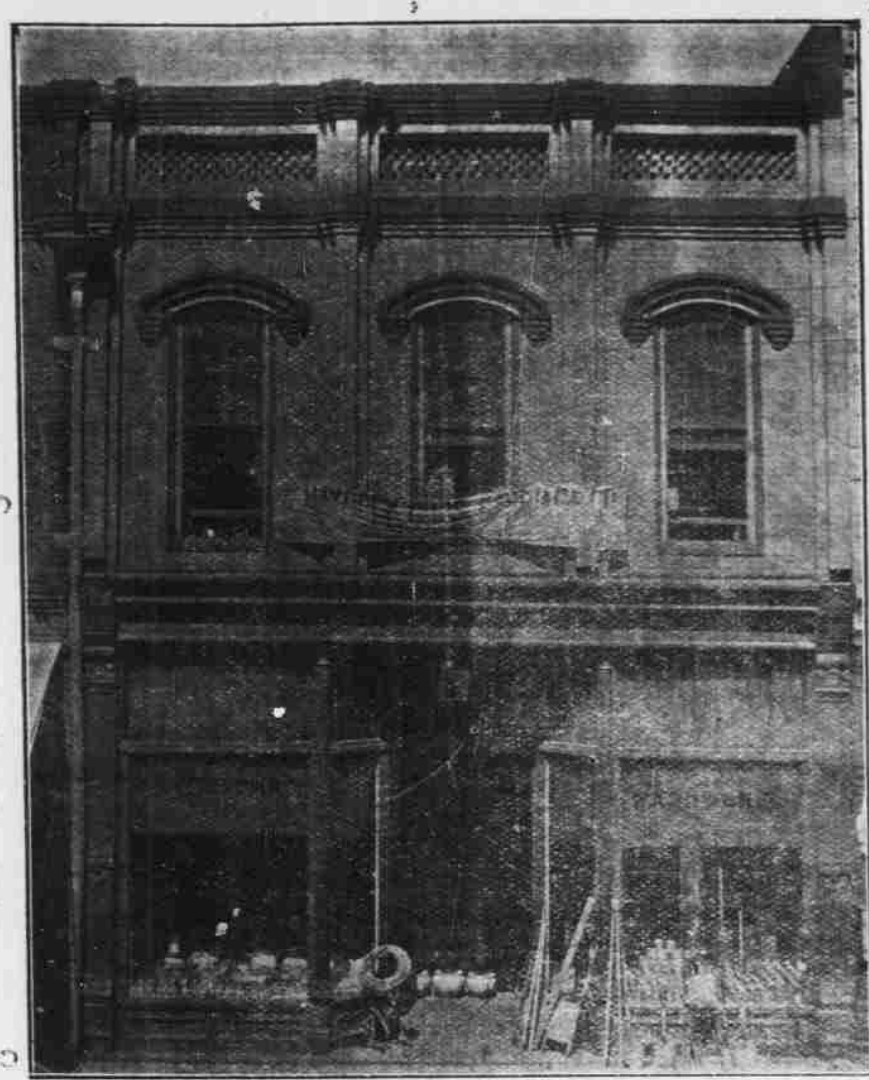
Missionary.—"Was it liquor that brought you to this?" Imprisoned Burglar.—"No, sir, it was house-cleanin'—spring house-cleanin'." Missionary.—"Eh—house-cleanin'?" Burglar.—"Yessir. The woman had been house-cleanin', and the stair-carpet was up, and the folks heard me."—Tit-Bits.

LAWSON & SEARS HARDWARE COMPANY.

This firm is successor to the old firm of Beck, Ownby & Company—afterwards Lawson & McRee—which had been in business since 1888. The Lawson & Sears Hardware Company carry on business in two large houses on First Street, the principal mart of trade of the city. The cut of their handsome building in this paper is where they carry an unusually large stock of light hardware, queensware, guns, fishing tackle, stoves, tinware etc. In the second story of this building are the workrooms, where Mr. Sears, one of the proprietors, who is one of the most expert tinners in the State, personally superintends this department. At the North end of First Street, the firm has a large double brick 65x125 feet, which is filled with paints, oils, heavy hardware, harness, bridles, buggies and wheel vehicles of every kind and description. This firm offers the buyer the best goods at the lowest prices, and never make a misrepresentation in order to effect a sale.

A THRILLING INCIDENT.

There was a dramatic scene enacted at the Glad Tidings gospel tent Sunday afternoon. Nearly 3,000 people, who crowded into and around the tent, were thrilled by it. It was a typical example of the effectiveness of the revivals. Evangelist S. Hartwell Pratt was giving his preliminary notices of the work of the approaching week. As an especially interesting result of the previous week's meetings he was saying: "At one of the early meetings of the week a man strongly under the influence of liquor came to me and asked for prayer. I knelt and pray-



LAWSON & SEARS HARDWARE STORE.

blocks around.

Mrs. Russell Sage was among the many well known Christian workers who occupied seats on the rostrum. She had with her a hymn book presented to her by Mr. Moody and she was an active participant in the services of the afternoon. S. H. Hadley, the leader of the Water Street mission, was also present.—New York Journal.

to whom it came. They would count it carefully, notice the extra coin, and invariably slip it into their pockets. No one thought of the poor conductor, whose meager salary of only 3 francs a day could ill support such a loss.

But at last a young woman passed hers back, with: "Conductor, you have given me half a franc too much." Diogenes, delight d. d.

PORTER & RADEBAUGH.

This firm is just entering its fourth year in the jewelry business in Union City, and they have won, through their honest, upright dealing, the confidence of the entire public at large, and now enjoy the patronage of the greater part of the people in Union and surrounding counties. They are enterprising and up-to-date, always looking ahead for the new styles and pretty goods. Besides the prettiest and best selected stock of watches, diamonds, rings and fine jewelry, they have an optical department, which is complete to the smallest detail, having all the modern appliances for testing eyes and fitting glasses. Their music department is also complete, comprising everything from a Jew's harp to a pipe organ. These gentlemen are both young, and say they do not intend to try to get rich in a year, therefore they are selling goods on a very reasonable margin of profit, which puts the prices so low that they are one of the firms that help to bring trade to Union City from other places. In fact they are the leading jewelers of West Tennessee.

SAMUEL D. WOOSLEY

Began the grocery business in Union City two years ago, and in that time has built up one of the largest and most profitable trades in his line in the city. The firm conducts a strictly cash business, which is one cause of its success, and those who have ready money to pay for their groceries always know that they can save money by trading with Woosley. The house is strictly up-to-date, carrying one of

BECKHAM AND GARDNER.

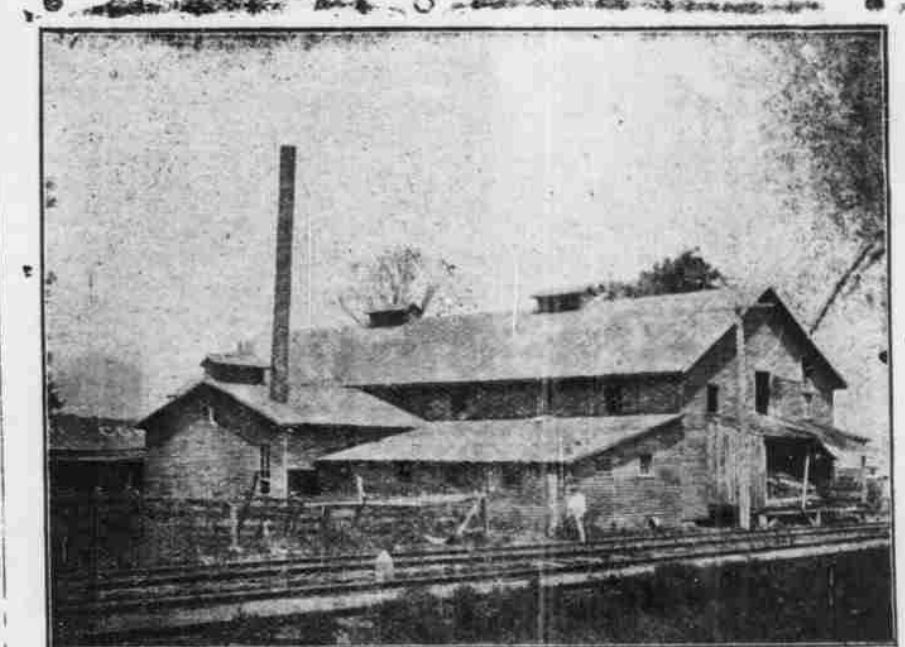
There is not in West Tennessee, outside of Memphis, Jackson not excepted, a firm that does as large an insurance business as does Beckham & Gardner. The business was started by Mr. Ben Beckham in 1894 and in 1897 Mr. W. H. Gardner came in as a partner, and these two intelligent, progressive and wide-awake citizens have pushed the business to the highest pinnacle of success. They represent fourteen companies, among which are the Aetna, Liverpool & London and Globe, the Phoenix, Scottish Union and National. The firm writes life, tornado, accident, and can take your risk in the best companies in the world at the lowest figures. Protect your families from coming in contact with the cold and heartless world, if not from becoming inmates of the poor house, when they are deprived of your protection, by having Beckham & Gardner write you a policy which will not cost you as much as you pay for tobacco and cigars.

Signs of Promise.—"This young man," said the professor in the Transvaal "simply lets me go on asking questions without attempting to answer them." "So!" exclaimed Dom Paul. "I'll make a diplomat of him. He'll be a credit to the family."



SUPT. R. L. BYNUM.

Prof. R. L. Bynum was born in Union City, Sept. 28, 1867. His parents were Kentuckians by birth but came to Union County at an early day. Prof. Bynum's father was a Lieut. in the Confederate Army, and at the close of hostilities entered mercantile business in Union City, but preferring the quietude of a rural life moved a few years later to a farm in district No. 1, where the subject of this sketch worked on the farm and attended the public school in his neighborhood. In 1888 he entered the Union City High School in which he continued his studies two years. At the expiration of that time he became a student of Bethel College, at McKenzie, but circumstances over which he had no control, compelled him to leave in '91 in the



MAYERS CHAIR FACTORY.

MAYERS CHAIR COMPANY.

Floor space occupied, 13,350 square feet. Capacity of plant, one chair every minute. Lumber per day, 3,000 feet. Employees in factory, 25. At saw mill and hauling lumber to factory, 29. Families, not individuals, but women and children at their homes seating chairs, counting three to the family and there are 49 families, making total seaters on pay roll, 147, or grand total of 192 people who draw money from this plant each week. 1,025 bona fide customers, from Virginia to New Mexico take the output. No drummers are employed, but all sales made by circulars and letters direct, and goods are sold for spot cash. The entire loss being but \$18.42 since factory started four years ago. The above facts gleaned from the books of the company, speak more eloquently than would a "write-up" of several columns.

"Do you never work?" said M. S. Subbuts to a tramp who asked for a handout. "Never mum," was the proud reply. "I am an imma."

The Great Transgression.—"Here is the account of some train robbers being lynched in Missouri." "Must be a fake." "No, somebody had started the report that the gang was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey."

Misled.—"I am frank to say," he said, "that I feel you encouraged my attentions." "Perhaps," she replied, "but how was I to know whether you wanted to marry me, or only to borrow money from father?"

middle of his senior year. From Bethel he went to Ashland, Miss., where he taught school one year, marrying in the meantime Miss Fannie Allen, one of Mississippi's fairest young ladies, and one child, Jennings, a boy 18 months' old has blessed their union. Prof. Bynum returned to Union City in the fall of '95, and from that time until 1897 taught some of the most successful schools of the county, when he was elected County Superintendent. This year he was re-elected by acclamation, and from the satisfaction he is giving it seems he has a cinch on his position. Prof. Bynum is a deacon of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Junior Warden in the Masonic Lodge, Vice-Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and a Democrat in politics.

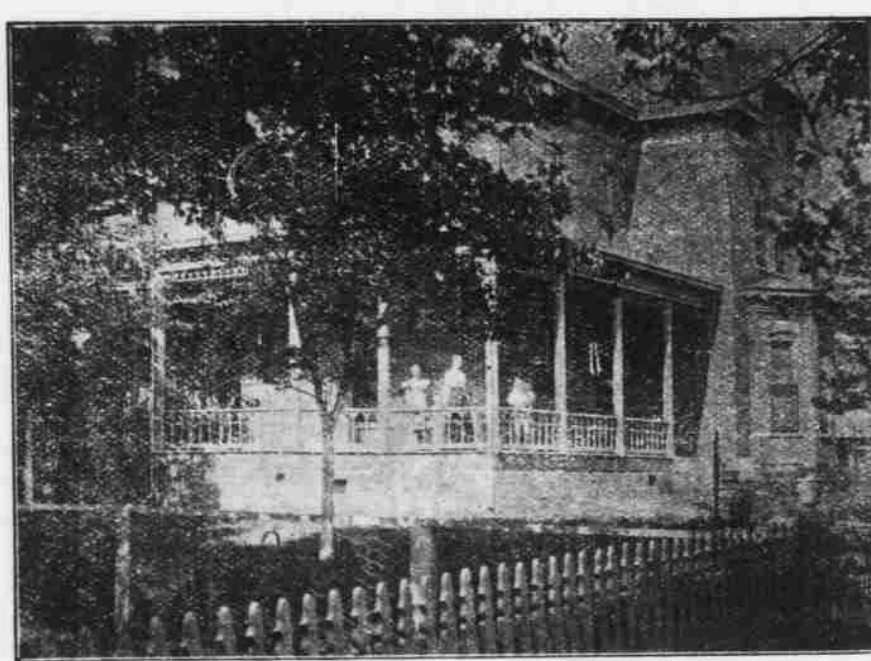


I. W. STONE.

Mr. Stone was born and reared one and a half miles of Union City, and after a few years of common schooling came to this city in the fall of '95 and went to work for W. S. Crittendon, with whom he remained two and a half years, and



SCENE ON WASHINGTON AVENUE, LOOKING WEST FROM FIRST STREET, WITH COURT HOUSE IN BACKGROUND



J. R. MORGAN'S RESIDENCE, 304 E. MAIN STREET.

ed with him, although, I doubted the good that was being done. Friday night he was here fresh and sober, telling me that that prayer had been answered and he had been saved. God alone must have heard that prayer, for I do not believe that at the time the man was sober enough to hear more than a few of the words I said.

"I beg your pardon, but I am that very man, and I thank God for his saving grace," interrupted a neatly-dressed, earnest-faced young man in the middle of the congregation.

Without a moment's hesitation Evangelist Pratt began singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." The great throng joined in with a fervor which must have made old time heard for many

BROUGHT HER A FORTUNE.

A short time ago a man died in Brussels leaving nearly his entire fortune to a young woman who was entirely unacquainted with him. This is how it came to pass. He was a very eccentric man, and set out, like Diogenes, in search of an honest man. His tub was an omnibus and his lantern a small coin.

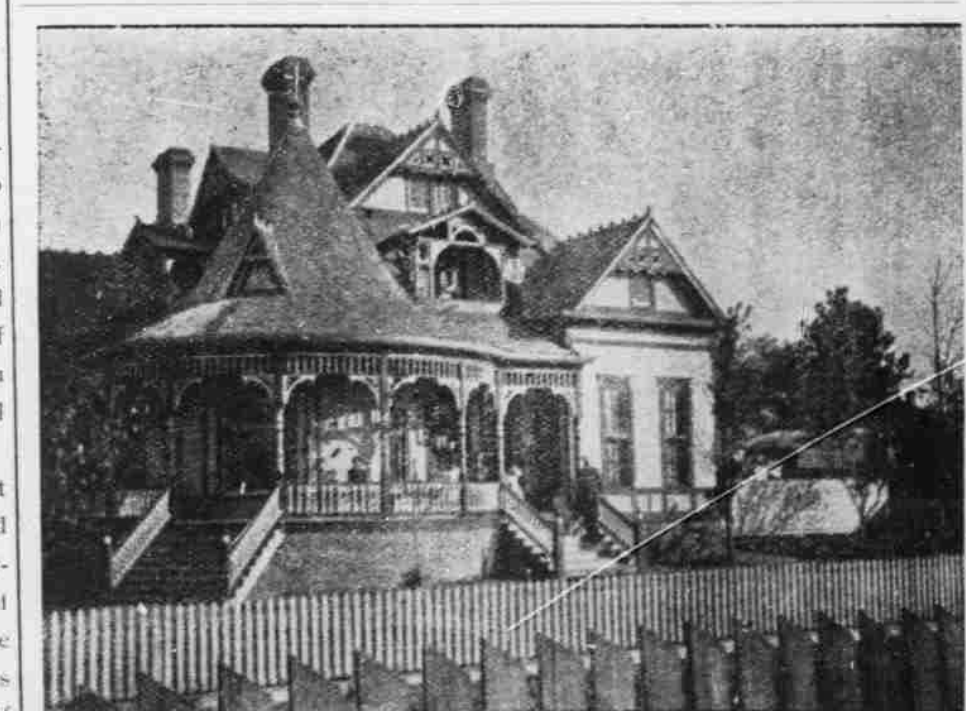
In the omnibus he took his seat every day near the conductor, and always showed himself very obliging in passing up the money of passengers and returning the change; but to the latter he always managed to add a franc or a half franc. Then he would watch those

lowed her home, made inquiries, and as the answers were satisfactory, made his will in her favor; though he never gave her warning that her half franc was going to bring her half a million sterling.—Columbian.

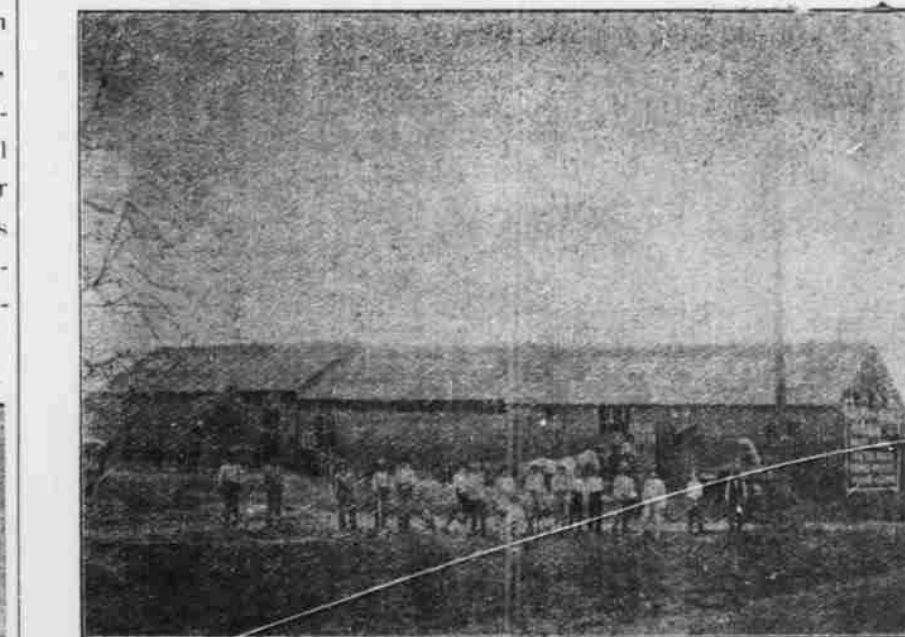
Bing—"Yes, that's old Spriggins. Half-a-dozen doctors have given him up at various times during his life." Wing—"What was the trouble with him?" Bing—"He wouldn't pay his doctor bills."—Tit-Bits.

A newly married editor gets off the following: "What's the difference between a honey-comb, a honey-moon and a pretty girl? A honey-comb is a small cell, a honeymoon a big sell and a pretty girl a damsel."—Pick-Me-Up.

largest and freshest stocks of goods on the market. They handle everything a farmer has to sell, paying cash for same and selling at the closest figures. It has been said by scores of people in Union City, and truthfully said, that one can come nearer finding anything in the grocery, produce or vegetable line than at any house in the city. The firm has in use the Star cash machine, which gives every thirtieth purchaser their purchase free. Call around and have Mr. Woosley or one of his polite and courteous clerks explain to you how to occasionally get your groceries for nothing.



DR. F. W. WATSON'S RESIDENCE, COR. HOME & EXCHANGE STREETS



FINISHING ROOMS OF MAYERS CHAIR FACTORY.

Not Quite Out of Date.—"It is deplorable that walking is becoming a lost art." "Lost art? It's a mighty good way of getting home when your bicycle breaks down."

"Do you believe that a thousand years was ever a day, and a day as a thousand years?" "I believe the latter half all right enough—I've just spent the day at the dentist's."

then accepted a position with the Shoe store of J. S. Powell. February 1898, he bought the interest of J. H. Eastwood in the grocery firm of Grissom & Eastwood. The following November he purchased the interest of his partner.

Mr. Stone's business house is located on Washington Avenue, where he keeps a choice stock of groceries, fresh meats and all eatables to be found in the Union City markets, which he sells as cheap as the cheapest and delivers free to all parts of the city.